

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 4-15, as follows:

Fig.1 is a block diagram indicating a network configuration including the compound machine 100 of the first embodiment. As shown in Fig.1, according to the present embodiment, the network configuration includes a LAN environment in which image forming apparatuses such as a compound machine (~~(MPF0)~~ (MFP0) 100, compound machines (MFP1, MFP2) 140a and printers (PRT1, PRT2) 140b, and a PC 200 that generates a print file to be printed from the image forming apparatuses are connected by the Ethernet 220. In addition, the Ethernet 220 connects a router 210. TCP/IP is used among for communication in the LAN.

Please amend the paragraph at page 33, lines 11-19, as follows:

When print process ends, a printer release command is issued in step S1209, and ~~finally~~ finally the socket is closed in step S1210, so that normal function return value is returned. According to the above-mentioned processes, the distribution application 117 performs remote print function call, so that a series of remote control commands are issued by the rsh protocol, and print process is performed in each of the selected compound machine and printers.